

## E-mail Announcements for September 28, 2009

### **COUNTY NEWS**

#### **\*\*\*Club Enrollment Meetings\*\*\***

It's time to re-enroll your 4-H club for the 2009-10 program year! Existing 4-H members who want to show in the 2010 Armada Fair, must be enrolled by the 1<sup>st</sup> business day in November which is Monday, November 2. Contact the MSU Extension 4-H to reserve a time during one of the following enrollment meetings to go over the completed registration materials with a 4-H staff member: October 14-Wolcott Farm, 5-7 pm; October 22-Armada High School Cafeteria, 4-8 p.m.; October 26-Camp Rotary, 4-6:30 p.m.; and November 2-MSU Extension - 9a.m.-5 p.m. If the meeting dates, times or locations are not convenient for you, call the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 to make other arrangements.

#### **\*\*\*Southeast Region Leadership Academy\*\*\***

Want to brush up on your leadership skills? Then the Leadership Academy is the place for you! At the Academy you will learn the tools to develop those skills, leading to a more active, successful and motivated group. The Academy is open to all teen leader and adult volunteers and is being held on October 3-4, 2009 at the Baha'i Center, 3208 South State Road, Davison, on M-15, just south of I-69. The cost is only \$40 thanks to the balance of the costs being picked up by a participation fee grant. The cost includes all sessions, educational materials, meals and overnight lodging. Check-in is Saturday @ 9:30am and ends Sunday at 1:00pm. **The registration deadline is TODAY, September 28, 2009. Call the MSUE office today at 586.469.6431 to reserve your spot!**

#### **\*\*\*Learn about Biofuels with the 4-H National Science Experiment\*\*\***

MSU Extension 4-H is celebrating the 4-H National Science Experiment "Biofuel Blast" on Thursday, October 15, 2009, from 6:30-8:00pm, at the MSU Extension Office, 21885 Dunham Rd., Clinton Township, 48036. Biofuels are renewable sources of energy obtained from recently harvested plant materials, and they are at the forefront in the discussion of alternative energy sources. Youth ages 9 to 19 are welcome to attend. This is a hands-on experiment and participants should bring a rinsed out 20-oz. plastic bottle to the program. Space is limited and registration is required to attend. Please call the MSU Extension 4-H office at 586-469-6431 to register. Registration deadline is October 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **\*\*\*Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you are selected, you could receive \$1000, a silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. Print out of the completed applications need to be turned into our 4-H office no later than November 2, 2009. Any further questions, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431.

#### **\*\*\*Club Officer Training\*\*\***

Club Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided. The following breakout sessions will follow a short general session: (1) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sgts.-at-Arms; (2) Secretaries/Clerks; (3) Treasurers and their adult helpers; (4) Historians and Reporters.

#### **\*\*\*Nominate a Volunteer of the Month \*\*\***

Each month 4-H'ers are encouraged to nominate as a volunteer of the month that special person you can always count on to get a job done. This is an opportunity to recognize outstanding contribution and dedication to 4-H Youth Development. 4-H could not happen if it were not for the efforts of our many volunteers, so let's give credit where credit is due!

To nominate someone to receive the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Award, Complete the 4-H Volunteer of the Month Nomination Form (online at <http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm>, click on "Forms" and scroll down to "County Awards Forms") and send it (along with the nominee's picture) to Macomb MSU Extension, Attn: 4-H, 21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 12, Clinton Township, MI 48036

### **\*\*\*2009 County Awards Information\*\*\***

The 2009 Award forms are available on line at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4hforms.htm>. Applications are due in the 4-H office on Monday, November 16, 2009. The judging will take place on November 19, 2009. The County Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District, located on Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

This is a great opportunity to recognize members and volunteers for their outstanding efforts, and all General Leaders are asked to encourage their members to participate. It also gives members experience in filling out forms and gathering information that would be helpful in applying for State Awards. (Please note: youth do not have to win at the County level to participate in State Awards Program.)

A workshop has not been scheduled due to lack of demand over the last couple of years. I would be happy to provide individual or small group help for anyone needing help.

If you would like to be part of the judging team or if you have any questions concerning the County Awards process, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan on joining us at the Awards Banquet for an enjoyable evening.

### **\*\*\*\*Act of Kindness Initiative\*\*\*\***

This year at the Armada Fair the 4-H Council started a new project called the "Act of Kindness Initiative". Ten active fair participants were given five bracelets each to pass out to 4-H youths who were caught doing an unusual act of kindness. The names of these kind deed doers were then submitted to the 4-H office and were placed in a drawing to win one of three gift certificates from local businesses. The three people who names were picked from the names of the people who were turned in are; Liz Brockert, Mya Brown and Heather Verfaillie.

The other people that were caught being kind are Jonathan Kovalcik, Jonathan Mueller, Samantha Colombo, Brianna Wilkinson, Jonathan Eckout, Maria Smith, Cody Pagen, Troy Wilkinson, Jake Gregory, Megan Grobbel, Zachary Douglas, Kaitlyn Clough, Sydney Pallas, Katherine Landis, Ryan Cerku, Emily Fleming, Evan Senyk, Jake Gregory, Kori Kirskey, Ashley Cerku, Dylan Falker, Joshua Eckhout, Rebecca Konapaski, and Kyle Smith.

Congratulations! Thanks to all of you for spreading your kind spirit.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **\*\*\* 4-H Scholarship Information Now Available Online\*\*\***

4-H scholarships are provided to recognize meritorious 4-H work and to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. Present and former 4-H members are eligible to apply. All applications are reviewed on a competitive basis. Deadlines to apply for some scholarships are November 1<sup>st</sup>, so don't delay. Application forms and more information can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>

### **\*\*\*4-H Adult Horse Volunteer Leaders Conference\*\*\***

#### ***Workshop 705***

***November 20–22, 2009 – Kettunen Center***

This workshop is designed for adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H horse programs. Topics covered will include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to help volunteers in youth development, leadership skill development for youth, youth activities and opportunities beyond a county program. Talking and exchanging ideas with others from different counties is encouraged. Open to adult 4-H horse project volunteers.

### \*\*\*Save the date for Big 10 Basketball\*\*\*

A date has been confirmed for the fifth annual MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Day at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. The date has been set for Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 2:00pm. This is a Big Ten game which will be televised by CBS! It's going to be exciting to "see a sea" of MSU Extension 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff beaming with pride, in the stands AND ON TV! Admission will once again be free for MSU Extension, 4-H members, volunteers, families and staff. It's a great opportunity to get some publicity for MSUE 4-H, and if that weren't enough...the Lady Spartans are looking forward to having us there to cheer them on to victory over Ohio State. Watch your e-mail announcements for more information on tickets.

### \*\*\*Fall Cattle Sales\*\*\*

The Fall Beef Cattle Sales Schedule is on the Animal Science Youth Programs web site. Once again the address is: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/anscikids/> You will find it under the "Livestock Programs" link.

### \*\*\*Starter Flock Scholarship Program\*\*\*

The Michigan Sheep Breeders Association is offering a Starter Flock Scholarship Program

This Starter Flock Scholarship is detailed on the Michigan Sheep Breeders web site:

[www.misheep.org](http://www.misheep.org) Check the News tab for details and application. This is a great opportunity for a young person to get started in the sheep business and expand their horizons in animal agriculture. For further information, please contact Pat Henne @ (517) 663-2014 Email: [henne@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com](mailto:henne@scnc.sps.k12.mi.com)

### \*\*\*The John and Marnie Demmer Shooting Sports Education and Training Center\*\*\*

Tour the new facilities and join us for refreshments at the Open House from 3-7 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 2. The facilities is located at 3365 E. Jolly Road, Lansing MI 48910 (Jolly Road midway between College & Hagadorn)

The \$3.5 million, 24,000-square-foot facility will allow the public to learn shooting safety and improve shooting and archery skills, in addition to housing MSU club shooting sports — small bore, air rifle and archery. The Demmer Center is open to MSU faculty, staff and students, and the public. The Demmer Center will serve as the training site for future national championship caliber collegiate shooting sports teams. The facility will also provide space for public shooting sports education courses and extramural enjoyment opportunities for the public. The two indoor ranges will accommodate small bore (.22 cal. rifle and pistol), air rifle and archery. The outdoor archery park will include beginner, field and competitive ranges. For more information go to:

<http://www.demmercenter.msu.edu>

Ph: 517.884.0550

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### \*\*\*National 4-H Science Day Biofuel Blast Contests\*\*\*

On October 7, 2009, 4-H National Youth Science Day will give young people nationwide the opportunity to join leading scientists in experimenting with biofuels to discover which ones will lead us to a sustainable future. Be part of this opportunity to explore, learn - and have a blast - with the *Biofuel Blast* National Science Experiment at [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD).

Furthermore, thanks to generous support from John Deere, a **\$400 award** will be presented to one county from each state with the highest number of individual *Biofuel Blast* results survey submissions between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The awards can be used toward the implementation and promotion of science, engineering and technology programs in our county. After youth complete the experiment, make sure that they go to [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD) to fill out the survey so our county can compete for the award!

In addition, of those who submit their results through the *Biofuel Blast* experiment survey, five youth names will be randomly selected to **receive a 32GB third generation iPod touch. The five youth will also be able to designate a 4-H club, school classroom, or youth organization to receive one of the pictured Fuel Cell Car Experiment kits.** [Click here](#) for official drawing rules.

### **\*\*\*Youth Leaders for Literacy Grants\*\*\***

Youth Service America is partnering with the National Education Association to offer Youth Leaders for Literacy grants to children and youth, ages 5-25, who offer innovative ways to increase literacy skills and appreciation for reading among their peers. Youth can submit their applications through October 30, 2009.

Youth Leaders for Literacy will award 30 young people from across the U.S. each with \$500 grants and \$500 in books from the Pearson Foundation. Successful projects will be youth-led and address an established literacy need in the applicant's school or community. The projects will follow the framework of YSA's Semester of Service initiative, launching on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in January and culminating on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25. An activity should also occur during the NEA's Read Across America Day on March 2. Access the application at: <http://tinyurl.com/neaysayll>

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **\*\*\* Miniature Horses for Sale \*\*\***

Four miniature horses are for sale, 3 geldings and 1 mare. All were previously shown by 4-H children. Equipment is also available. Owner will work with family on pricing. Call April Penzien for more information at 586-749-3393.



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